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**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants	:	Philippe RENARD et al.	)	
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			)	Examiner Merrick L. Dixon
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			)	Confirmation No. 3771
Customer No.	:	7055	)	
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Filed	:	October 16, 2001	)	
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Title	:	THIN COMPOSITE LAMINATE AND	)	
		USE THEREOF IN MAKING SPORTS	)	
		ARTICLES, ESPECIALLY BOOTS	)	

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**  
**TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF MAY 5, 2004**  
**AND REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FINALITY**

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Sir:

In reply to the *final* Office action dated May 5, 2004, please enter the following amendment.

Accordingly, upon entry of the amendment, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

In addition, in the event that the finality of the Office action were to be relied upon in denying entry of the amendment (under 37 CFR §1.116), Applicants request that the finality of the Office action dated May 5, 2004 be withdrawn as being premature, for reasons given below.

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